

Our Vision: *That all schools will have fully implemented Comprehensive Guidance and Counseling Programs that advance the academic, career, and personal/social development of all students.*

Our Mission: *To work collaboratively with school counselors, counselor educators, the Missouri School Counselor Association, the Missouri Association for Career and Technical Education and other stakeholders to develop and provide resources and meaningful professional development that support professional school counselors and career services personnel in their efforts toward full implementation of their programs.*

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Announcements

Guidance System of Support (GSOS) - Spring Meetings

Spring GSOS meetings are underway! Defining student activities from a K-12 perspective using Career Checklists will be the focus. Click on the link below for the workshop overview, locations, and registration. <http://dese.mo.gov/ccr/cemodelcurriculum/guidance-sos.html>

MSCA Spring Conference: Friday, March 7, Capitol Plaza Hotel, Jefferson City

The theme for the Spring Conference is “The Leadership in You.” Discover your leadership style and how to use leadership skills in guiding the direction of your comprehensive guidance and counseling program. Information and registration are on the [MSCA website](#)

Leadership In Practice Summer Forum 2014

Applications for the Missouri Chamber of Commerce and Industry’s 2014 Leadership in Practice Summer Camp are being accepted until April 15. This summer **June 22-25, 2014**, up to 150 freshmen from across Missouri will participate in the Missouri Chamber’s 18th annual *Leadership In Practice* summer program. For three days on the campus of Westminster College in Fulton, Missouri, students will participate in a variety of activities, simulations and discussions designed to develop their leadership skills. *Leadership In Practice* seeks to engage rising sophomores that have leadership potential, and take them to greater heights. The transformation that occurs with these young men and women during Leadership In Practice is phenomenal!

Led by professional facilitators, business and political leaders, *Leadership In Practice* helps to provide students with leadership skills and tools to empower them to go back to their high schools in the fall and become more engaged in leadership roles within their schools and communities. Setting them on a path to develop and prosper for years to come. For more information about the camp, the application process, or available scholarships please go to the webpage: [Leadership In Practice](#) or www.mochamber.com For more information contact Brian Crouse, VP of Education with the Missouri Chamber of Commerce and Industry at BCrouse@mochamber.com or by phone- 573-634-3511.

DESE Core Data Report

As of February 15, 331 districts had submitted their "MOSIS Graduate Follow Up" data. 89 districts had not. While Core Data is not the responsibility of the school counselor, there is a fair-share perspective that school counselors are part of the building team to insure accurate and timely submission of data that is relevant to the guidance program. Please check with your administrator to make sure your follow up report has been submitted. Contact the Office of Data System Management at 573-522-3207 or dsm@dese.mo.gov with questions.

To view a webinar on this topic: <http://www.dese.mo.gov/webinar/Webinar-12-16-13-DSM.htm>

Program Components

GUIDANCE CURRICULUM

New State Assessment Plan

The Department's assessment homepage contains the latest information on the new state assessment plan <http://dese.mo.gov/divimprove/assess/>
Contact the Assessment section at: assessment@dese.mo.gov or 573-751-3545 with questions.

Missouri Connections

Missouri Connections offers some excellent career development curriculum activities and lesson plans in both the JR and High School versions (Grades 6-12). <http://www.missouriconnections.org>

Check Lists are a new feature in Missouri Connections that are being addressed in the Spring GSOS meetings. Checklists are a type of graphic organizer that identifies specific student activities over the course of a year.

Contact Tom Schlimpert at tom.schlimper@dese.mo.gov or Jackie Coleman at jcoleman@motrainer.com for more information.

INDIVIDUAL STUDENT PLANNING

ACT to Drop 'Explore' and 'Plan' Tests

Education Week article about ACT changes to Aspire
http://blogs.edweek.org/edweek/curriculum/2014/01/act_to_drop_plan_and_explore_t.html

FAFSA

Students and parents can get help filling out the 2014-2015 Free Application for Federal Student Aid, the first step in applying for most federal, state and institutional financial aid, at 81 [FAFSA Frenzy events around the state](#) in January, February and March. For more information about FAFSA Frenzy, including what to bring to an event, visit http://www.dhe.mo.gov/ppc/fafsa_completion.php. Students who attend a FAFSA Frenzy event will be entered into a statewide drawing to win a scholarship that can be used for enrollment in a Missouri higher education program for the fall 2014 term.

March to Success

Missouri Connections provides links to multiple high school test prep sites, including March 2 Success, ACT Practice, and SAT Practice (College Board). All are located under the "College" tab in the lower left corner of the front page. <http://www.missouriconnections.org>

RESPONSIVE SERVICES

National Domestic Violence Hotline

If you know someone who is in danger, call 1-800-799-7233 or go to <http://www.thehotline.org/help/>

Small Group Counseling for Elementary Students

[Elementary School Counseling](#) is a website resource for elementary school counselors. One [link](#) on the website provides small group activities for a variety of areas such as anger management, anxiety, and others. It also allows for contributions from practicing school counselors.

SYSTEM SUPPORT

Missouri Virtual Instruction (MoVIP)

MoVIP, or the Missouri Virtual Instruction Program, which is run by the Department, will begin registering K-12 students in April for the upcoming summer semester. MoVIP currently offers about 150 different online courses in a wide variety of subjects including AP, foreign language and electives. MoVIP is an excellent resource to help school districts meet their College and Career-Ready (CCR) and High School- Ready (HSR) goals at little cost. School districts can get reimbursed from DESE for about 90% of the tuition costs. All courses are also taught by Missouri-certified teachers. For more information, please visit www.movip.org or contact Steve Schellman at 573-751-5882 for additional information.

Linn State - Computer Professions on Demand Scholarship Program

Linn State Technical College is now accepting applications for their **2014 Computer Professions on Demand** (CPoD) scholarship program. Twenty students will be selected.

While directed primarily toward mid-Missouri students, others may apply and be considered to participate in the 2014 CPoD program at no cost. Please submit your school's candidate and one alternate to attend the 12th Annual Computer Professions on Demand (CPoD) scholarship program scheduled for June 8-11, 2014 on Linn State's main campus in Linn, MO! Students selected should currently be in their sophomore or junior year, although freshman and seniors may also apply. CPoD gives students a unique opportunity to explore career fields in computer technology and is hosted by the Jefferson City Information Technology Coalition and Linn State Technical College. Over one hundred and ninety Missouri high school students have already participated in the scholarship program – one of your students could be next!

The application deadline is **April 1, 2014**. To see more about the program and to access an application form, visit <http://cpod.linnstate.edu/>. Please contact **Stephanie Scheulen**, Enrollment Management Associate, Linn State Technical College by phone at: Toll Free: 1.800.743.8324 ext. 5282 or Direct: 573.897.5282 or e-mail: stephanie.scheulen@linnstate.edu with any questions.

Nominate A Young Volunteer Scholarship

Kohl's Cares Scholarship Program. Up to \$10,000 scholarship. Deadline is March 14. <http://www.kohlscorporation.com/CommunityRelations/scholarship/program-information.asp>

National Youth Science Camp

The National Youth Science Camp (NYSC) is a free residential science education program that honors and challenges two graduating high school science students from each state. The NYSC will be held in the eastern mountains of West Virginia from June 27, 2014 to Sunday, July 20, 2014. More information is available online at www.nysc.org

Annual Missouri Youth Leadership Forum for Students with Disabilities

The Governor’s Council on Disability is now accepting applications for the free 2014 Missouri Youth Leadership Forum, held July 20-23, 2014, at the University of Missouri, Columbia. The Missouri Youth Leadership Forum is a unique career leadership-training program for high school students with disabilities, ages 16–21. Information and application: <http://disability.mo.gov/gcd/ylyf.htm>.

School Climate and Discipline

The U.S. Department of Education and Justice are providing extensive resources on creating a healthy and safe school climate. Guiding principles, a directory of resources, and a compendium of School Discipline Laws and Regulations are included.

<http://www2.ed.gov/policy/gen/guid/school-discipline/index.html>

Guidance eLearning Center

The Guidance eLearning Center, our guidance resource website is located under the "Counselor" tab in the center of the DESE home page: <http://dese.mo.gov/>

Publications Available from MCCE

A variety of career development publications are available for purchase or download from the Missouri Center for Career Education (MCCE). The Rock Your World magazine features Missouri-specific career and salary information, a page for students to complete their Personal Plan of Study, and a career interest profiler. Costs for the Career Clusters tabloid have been reduced this spring. Check their website for downloads and costs for print copies. <http://www.missouricareereducation.org/for/content/career/>

DESE Mailbag

The DESE Mailbag is a quick up date of current educational events. <http://dese.mo.gov/comm/mailbag/>

Conferences, Workshops and Webinars

ACT State Conference: Thursday, March 27, Stoney Creek Inn, Columbia

The keynote for this year’s conference will be “21st Century Learning: Creating New Possibilities” and will focus on the new Aspire Assessment System--the first digital, longitudinal assessment system to fully connect student performance from elementary grades through high school. Come and learn more about ACT’s next generation assessment system. For details and registration: www.act.org/events/MO2014

ACTE National Conference

Submit a presentation proposal for the ACTE Career Tech Vision 2014 national conference in Nashville on November 19-22, 2014. https://s1.goeshow.com/acte/vision/2014/abstract_submission1.cfm

Interesting Insights

Manufacturing-Job Growth Prompts K-12 Training Effort is an interesting article about high school manufacturing programs. A quote from the article:

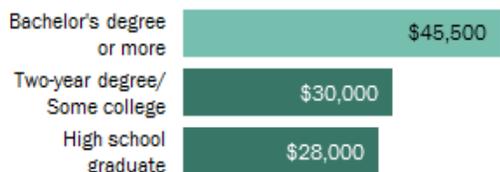
By 2018, 42 percent of jobs in manufacturing will require some postsecondary education or a degree, according to findings from the Georgetown University Center on Education and the Workforce. A 2012 ManpowerGroup study indicated that machine operators and engineers are among the top 10 jobs that U.S. employers have trouble filling.

<http://www.edweek.org/ew/articles/2014/02/05/20manufacturing.h33.html?cmp=ENL-EU-NEWS1>

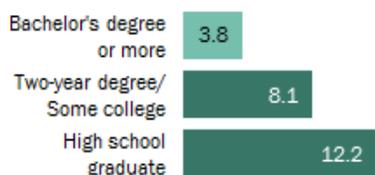
The Rising Cost of Not Going to College was published by PEW Research and includes the graphs below. <http://www.pewsocialtrends.org/2014/02/11/the-rising-cost-of-not-going-to-college/>

Disparity among Millennials Ages 25-32 By Education Level in Terms of Annual Earnings ...

(median among full-time workers, in 2012 dollars)



Unemployment Rate ...

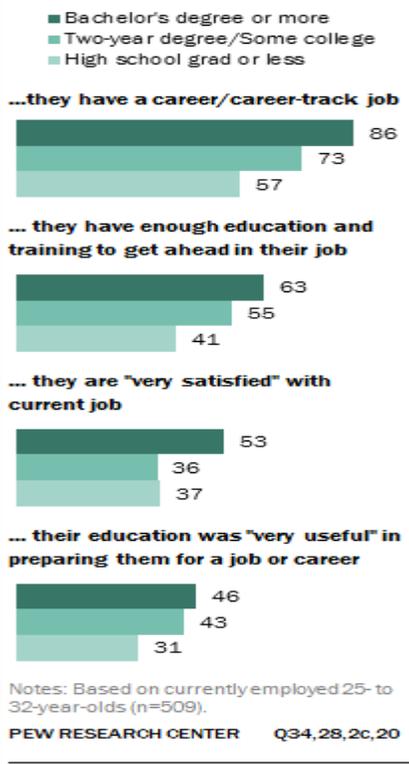


And Share Living in Poverty ...



Education and Views About Work

% of employed adults ages 25 to 32 with each level of education saying ...



Thoughts from Andy Rooney (from 60 Minutes fame)

- I've learned.... That just one person saying to me, 'You've made my day!' makes my day.
- I've learned.... That being kind is more important than being right.
- I've learned.... That you should never say no to a gift from a child.
- I've learned.... That sometimes all a person needs is a hand to hold and a heart to understand.
- I've learned.... That no matter how serious your life requires you to be, everyone needs a friend to act goofy with.

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